

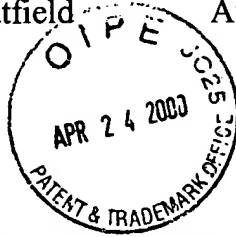
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, Applicant in the above-identified United States patent application claims the benefit of the filing date of a prior foreign patent application, a certified copy of which is enclosed. The prior foreign patent application is United Kingdom Patent Application No. 9720033.1, filed September 19, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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